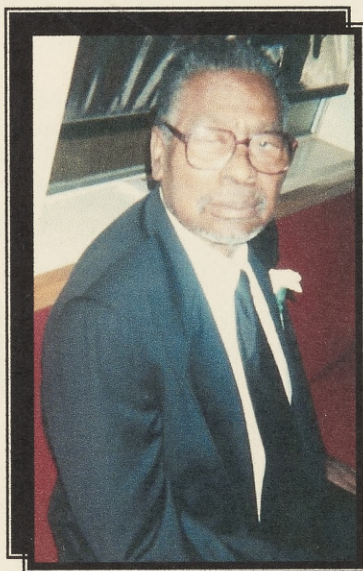


Home Going Celebration
For
Dad Ivan Graves

First Light
January 2, 1924

Twilight
October 9, 2006



I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
Psalms 34:1

Services Held
Thursday, October 19, 2006
11:00 A.M.
McGlothen Temple Church of God in Christ
1443 Filbert Street
Richmond, California

Officiating
Sr. Administrative Assistant John A. Jennings, Pastor

Remembering

Dad Ivan Graves was born January 2, 1924 in Martinez, California, to the late Samuel and Lydia Graves. Ivan was the third of eight born into this family.

He received his education in the Richmond Unified School District. Ivan enlisted in the United States Army in February 1943. He served his country in World War II, he received an honorable discharge on December 19, 1945. While in the Army he received numerous medals and awards.

Shortly after his discharge from the Army he met the love of his life, Etta B. Roberson, and on February 22, 1947 they were married and remained together until her homegoing January 31, 2006. To this union seven children were born.

He was employed by the United States Government at Mare Island Naval Shipyard for approximately 35 years as an inspector of metals. He worked very hard to take care of his wife and family and did an exceptional job!

Being raised in the church he always acknowledged the goodness of the Lord to his children and insisted that they attend church even when he didn't go. He valued his praying wife and knew that she always prayed for him. In December 1991, Pastor Jennings invited him to attend a Christmas Revival conducted by Elder Gerald Harris. That night Dad accepted the Lord in his life. Dad didn't stop there, he knew he needed the Holy Ghost and he sought after it day and night. In February of 1992 after a soul stirring message preached by Bishop J. W. Macklin he received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Oh! What a joy.

Later he was appointed a deacon at the McGlothen Temple and he served faithfully, he was also a member of the Male Chorus. He attended services faithfully, even at times when he was sick in his body. He always regretted that he waited so long to accept the Lord, but Mother Graves always assured him that if he was faithful until death he would also receive eternal life.

Dad was ill for several years, yet he stayed strong in his faith. Although he was unable to attend church for the last months of his life, he continued to worship God in the beauty of holiness by praying and singing praises to the Lord.

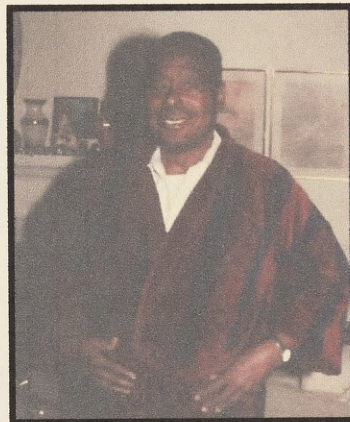
On Monday night October 9, 2006 at approximately 9:45 p.m., with his granddaughters Leilani and Asha at his side he went home to be with the Lord.

Dad Graves was preceded in death by his wife, Mother Etta B. Graves, his parents, four brothers, Algie, Charles, Joel and Samuel Graves, one sister Barbara McBride and his oldest granddaughter Adriene (Buffy) Pennington.

He leaves to cherish a lifetime of fond memories his loving and devoted children: 6 daughters Cheryl Graves, Yolanda Nash, Debra Graves, Gail Butler, Angela (George) Nixon and Jacqueline (Marvis) Douglas, 2 sons Ivan D. (Pamela) Graves and Gary Graves. Two sisters, Mrs. Margery Woodard and Mrs. Ellen Jones, 4 sister-n-laws, Mrs. Leerie Hayes, Mrs. Willie Ann McNeal, Mrs. Eula Massey and Mrs. Mabel Eddings, 3 brother-n-laws, Mr. Edward and Booker T. Roberson and Mr. Willie McNeal. 14 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren children, a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. He will also be greatly missed by the Officers and Members of McGlothen Temple Church of God in Christ.

*For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.
I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:
II Timothy 4:6 & 7*

Dad Graves



Daddy



Together.....

Again.....

Forever.....



The Order of Home Going Celebration

Where Indicated Please Stand

Thursday, October 19, 2006

Quiet Moments

Organist

Call To Worship

Master of Ceremonies

Elder Gerald Harris

Bethany Community Church of God in Christ

Sr. Administrative Assistant CNW Jurisdiction

Processional

*Pastor John A. Jennings

Elders

Ministers

Deacons

Pall Bearers

The Family

*Prayer of Comfort

Elder Malachi Hall

Written Word of God

*Old Testament

*New Testament

Elder Ronald Huey

Elder Dennis Braxton

Selection

Choir

Reflections

2 Minutes Please

Mrs. Judy Flores

Sister Jeannie Aslin

Elder Bruce Darden Jr.

Selection

McGlothen Temple

Male Chorus

The Order of Home Going Celebration Continued

Expressions

Sister Barbara Davenport
Mother Gladys Davis
Deacon Ivan Graves

Special Remarks

McGlothen Temple Women's Dept.
McGlothen Temple Men's Dept
Greater Richmond District

Mother Victoria Williams
Deacon Rufus Robinson
Dist. Miss'y Martha B. Hall

Solo

Elder Ronald Huey

Expressions

Elders/Ministers

Elder Philip Hollins

Special Remarks

Word of Faith Christian Center
Olivet Institutional Missionary Baptist Church
Showers of Blessings Church of God in Christ

Pastor's of Dad's Children
Pastor Melba Nears
Bishop Gordon A. Humphrey
Dr. Darnell Thomas

Resolutions

McGlothen Temple Church of God in Christ
Greater Richmond District

Miss'y Brenda Shephard
Miss'y Emma Clark

Cards/ Condolences & Obituary

Miss'y Brenda Shephard

Introduction of Celebration Speaker

Elder Gerald Harris

Sermonic Solo

Evangelist Mary Willard

Eulogy

Sr. Administrative Assistant CNW
Elder John A. Jennings

Parting View
Stewart's Rose Manor Funeral Services

Recessional

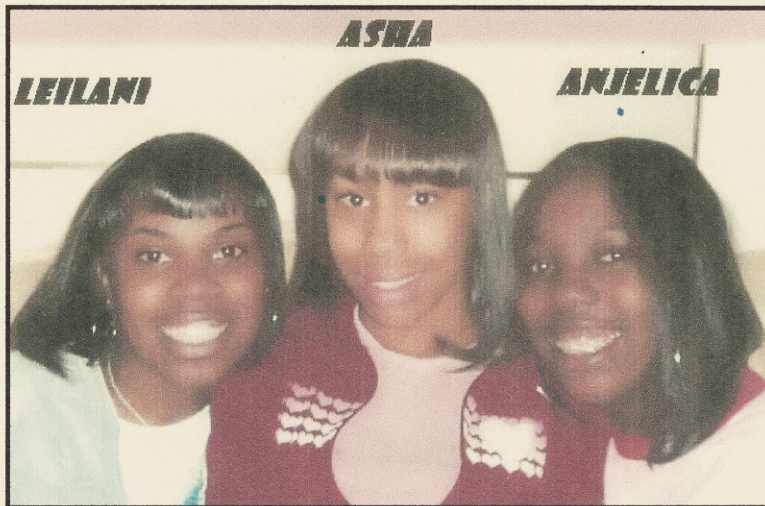
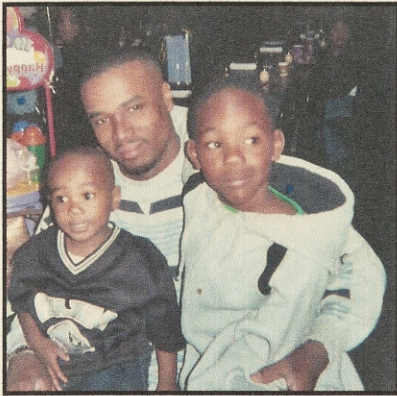
Interment
Rolling Hills Memorial Park

Grandpa

*In tears we saw you sinking
and watched helplessly as
you faded away
Our hearts were sadly broken,
We wanted you to stay.
When you were found sleeping,
So peacefully from pain;
How could we wish you back,
To suffer all again.
It broke our hearts when
you left us,
But you did not go alone
For part of us went with you,
The day God took you home.*



PaPa



Grandpa we will always cherish the fun times we spent with you. After the Lord took Grandma we got even closer to you. This past summer when all of our friends were going to the movies, amusement parks and other festivities, we chose to stay at home and help Auntie Cheryl take care of you.

What a joy it was to feed you, give you your medicine and listen to all the great stories of your life. One day while you were in your bed praising the Lord, little Angela asked her Mom "what is wrong with him"? Her mom replied "baby that's the Lord, then Angela began to feel your legs and feet and say Grandpa is that the Lord? Grandpa said the Lord is in my heart! Oh what joy you felt that day.

Grandpa go ahead and take your much needed rest, we will miss you, but you don't have to suffer any longer. What we will miss the most is when we would come into your room and you would have your eyes closed and clapping your hands and saying yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, YES LORD!

Pallbearers

Elder Lacy Douglas
Mr. Paul Crutchfield

Mr. Clifford Hayes
Mr. Johnny White

Mr. Johnnie Rolling
Mr. Fredrick Shephard

Honorary Pallbearers

Mr. John Wafer
Mr. Calvin Riley
Mr. Pierce Nixon

Mr. Joe Causey
Mr. Javance Butler
Mr. Allen Nixon

Mr. James Robinson
Mr. Jamar Butler
Mr. Robert Nixon

The McGlothen Temple Deacon Board

Acknowledgement

*We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the outpouring of love
shown towards us at this most difficult time.*

*Please continue to pray for us.
God Bless you.*

The Graves Family



Final Arrangements Entrusted To

Rose Manor Funeral Home
3331 MacDonald Avenue
Richmond, California

Interment

Rolling Hills Memorial Park
4100 Hilltop Drive
Richmond, California